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September 1, 1999

Jonathan Levin, Esquire Office of the General Counsel Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20463

AOR 1999-26

HAND DELIVER

Re: Advisory Opinion Request regarding the status of the Virginia Taxpayers
Party as a State Committee of a Political Party; Additional Information

Dear Mr. Levin:

WILLIAM J. OLSON

(D.C., VA.)

JOHN S. MILES

(D.C., MD., VA., OF COUNSEL)
GILMAN & ASSOCIATES
(OF COUNSEL)

Following receipt of the above-referenced Advisory Opinion Request on August 18, 1999, you telephoned our office to ask whether we could furnish additional information concerning the continuing activities of the Virginia Taxpayers Party ("VTP"). As we understand it, you wished to see evidence of VTP's activities between the 1996 federal election cycle and the present, to reinforce the proof that VTP meets both elements that the Federal Election Commission has established for qualifying as the State committee of a political party.

You have informed us that, based upon the documents we submitted on August 18, 1999, VTP clearly meets one of the two elements that the Federal Election Commission's Advisory Opinions posit for qualifying as the State committee of a political party, in that VTP is the exclusive Virginia affiliate of the U.S. Taxpayers Party, and its Charter and Bylaws set out a comprehensive structure for the party and delineate activity commensurate with the day-to-day functions and operations of a political party on a State level. We believe that it also clearly meets the other element as well, since the documents we submitted on August 18 demonstrate that VTP obtains ballot access for its Federal Candidates. Without disagreeing with our view, you have nevertheless asked if we could provide you with additional information relative to VTP's operations since 1996, in light of the fact that VTP has not obtained ballot access for any candidates since that time.

Therefore, enclosed herewith is further documentary evidence of VTP's continuing activities. First, please note that we are advised by VTP that it has continued to function as a party committee, and that it has met periodically during the period 1997 to the present.

Furthermore, although it did not obtain ballot access for any candidate in the 1998 federal elections, it met and discussed its support or opposition of certain candidates for federal office during that time, and made focused efforts to support the U.S. Taxpayers Party. For example, attached is a copy of VTP's Press Release, dated October 20, 1998, discussing the lack of responsible leadership in, and the poor performance of, the Republican-led Congress on a number of important public policy matters, and exhorting American citizens to leave the ranks of the Republican Party and join the U.S. Taxpayers Party. During 1999, VTP has continued its activity, as evidenced by the material previously sent you. In addition to its regular activities, we are advised that a county committee of VTP was established in Warren County, Virginia, in May, 1999, and that VTP's Warren County Committee has been active in Warren County politics, and has supported a candidate for the upcoming (November 2, 1999) general election for the Happy Creek, Virginia District's representative on the Warren County Board of Supervisors.

We assume that the evidence we have submitted is at least as compelling as that submitted in AO 1998-27, where the Federal Election Commission determined that the state party met both elements of the test by continuing to pursue its political objectives and goals in conducting local party activity. See also AO 1998-23.

Based upon the foregoing, together with our submission of August 18, 1999, we would ask the Federal Election Commission to act favorably on this Advisory Opinion Request at its earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

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WJO:mm Attachment

### Virginia Taxpayers Party

450 Maple Avenue East Vienna, Virginia 22180

RELEASE: 11:00 AM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

For additional information contact: Alan Potter at 703-754-1748

#### GOP CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP MAKES THE CASE FOR INDEPENDENT ACTION BY CONSERVATIVES

As members of Congress return home to campaign for election, it is important to review how thoroughly the Republican leadership in Congress has made our case that American citizens who want to return to limited, low tax, Constitutional government should leave the Republican Party and join the ranks of the U.S. Taxpayers Party.

The acts of omission and commission by the GOP Congress constitute a long list: they failed to act in support of the preservation of strategically crucial U.S. military facilities at the isthmus of Panama; they failed to reduce any of the massive tax increases for which they voted last year; they refused to stop stealing scores of billions of dollars annually from the Social Security Trust Fund, without which thefts they could not even have begun to claim a budget surplus; they failed to withdraw forces from Bosnia, even as they voted an additional \$1.9 billion to sustain their presence in that non-NATO country; they failed to prohibit the Food and Drug Administration from authorizing distribution of RU486, a drug whose almost exclusive purpose is to kill innocent unborn children; they failed to stop subsidies for the National Endowment for the Arts, the Legal Services Corporation, and the radical homosexual movement which is underwritten in its efforts to evangelize America's young people in the name of AIDS education; and they failed to

eliminate the unconstitutional Federal role in education, indeed, they expanded it well beyond even Bill Clinton's expectations;

The errors of commission are manifold: House passage of legislation which might lead the way to statehood for Puerto Rico where a strong majority of the residents do not speak English; expansion of NATO, to include three more countries whose disputes now become a matter of life and death for American military personnel; they continued racial and ethnic quotas and looked the other way as Bill Clinton established affirmative action for homosexuals in the Federal service; they supported additional hundreds of millions of dollars for payment of a phony debt to the United Nations; they extended most-favored-nation status for Communist China and established it for Communist Vietnam; they supported an unconstitutional "fast track" procedure under the unconstitutional terms of which Bill Clinton would be granted the authority to send unamendable trade agreements for an up or down vote in Congress; they ratified a chemical weapons treaty which binds the United States and exposes our secrets to countries which threaten our liberty and security; and they voted another \$17.9 billion of our tax dollars to the international plutocrats whose bets are hedged by our bailouts to the International Monetary Fund.

This is evidence which demands a verdict. It's time for conservatives to declare their political independence from a Republican Party which uses their votes to betray our commitment to limited, Constitutional government.

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August 18, 1999 HAND DELIVER

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Re: Advisory Opinion Request regarding the status of the Virginia Taxpayers

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Dear Mr. Noble:

WILLIAM J. OLSON

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On behalf of our client, the Virginia Taxpayers Party ("VTP"), we hereby request an Advisory Opinion by the Federal Election Commission that VTP is a "State Committee" under 2 U.S.C. section 431(15).

VTP intends to act as a state party committee in the State of Virginia at all relevant times prior to and during the 2000 election cycle (and thereafter). Upon issuance of the Commission's Advisory Opinion approving its status as a State Committee, VTP will file its Statement of Organization (FEC Form 1), stating that it is a state party committee (line 5(d)).

VTP is the only Virginia state affiliate of the U.S. Taxpayers Party (USTP), which was recognized as a national committee by the Federal Election Commission in Advisory Opinion No. 1995-16. As confirmed in the attached letter of William K. Shearer, National Chairman of USTP, VTP "is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the U.S. Taxpayers Party in the State of Virginia, and is the only U.S. Taxpayers Party state affiliate in Virginia."

In addition to the above, VTP will field a number of candidates for state and county office in 2000. VTP was formed in 1992, and has consistently represented USTP in Virginia since that time. For example, in 1996 VTP obtained ballot access for Howard Phillips and Albion W. Knight, Jr., USTP's candidates for President and Vice President, respectively.

Since its inception in 1992, VTP has been the sole entity representing the USTP in Virginia, and, as is evidenced by the fact that it obtained ballot access for its federal candidates in

1996, by its charter and bylaws, and by its relationship with USTP, VTP is clearly responsible for USTP's day-to-day operations in Virginia.

Copies of VTP's charter and bylaws, the above-referenced letter from the USTP's National Chairman confirming VTP's status and responsibility for conducting USTP's day-to-day operations in Virginia, and a 1996 General Election Candidate Certification provided by the State Board of Elections of Virginia showing that VTP's candidates have achieved ballot access, are enclosed for your review.

VTP respectfully requests the Federal Election Commission to act on this Advisory Opinion Request at its earliest opportunity.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Olsbr

WJO:mm Enclosures

## PARTY PLAN AND BYLAWS

OF

THE

VIRGINIA TAXPAYERS PARTY

## ARTICLE I Participation in Party Actions

#### SECTION A. Qualifications

- 1. All legal and qualified voters under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, regardless of race, religion, national origin, or sex, who are in accord with the principles of the Virginia Taxpayers Party, and who, if requested, express in open meeting either orally or in writing as may be required their intent to support all of its nominees for public office in the ensuing election may participate as members of the Virginia Taxpayers Party in its mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions, or primaries encompassing their respective election districts.
- 2. A person who has made application for registration and meets all other requirements of Section A, but whose name does not appear on the local registration books solely because of the books having been closed in connection with a local election, will nevertheless be deemed a legal and qualified voter.

#### SECTION B. Participation

All Chairmen and members of Official Committees, delegates to Conventions, and voters in Mass Meetings or Party Canvasses provided for in the State Party Plan shall be members of the Virginia Taxpayers Party as stated in this ARTICLE and must be legally qualified voters of the respective Units or election Districts which they represent as Chairmen, members, delegates or voters.

## ARTICLE II Definitions

- 1. "State Party" or "Party" or "VTP" means Virginia Taxpayers Party.
- 2. "State Party Plan" means Plan of Organization of the Virginia Taxpayers Party.
- 3. "State Central Committee" means State Central Committee of the Virginia Taxpayers Party.
- 4. "Election District" means City, County, ward of a city, magisterial district of a County, precinct, or portions or combinations of such political subdivisions which comprise the area defined by law in which an election is to be held.
- 5. "Congressional District" means the Election District for a member of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress.
- 6. "District" means Congressional District unless otherwise designated.
- 7. "Legislative District" means the Election District for a member of the House of Delegates or the State Senate of the Virginia General Assembly.
- 8. "District Committee" means Virginia Taxpayers Party Congressional District Committee for

each Congressional District.

- 9. "Legislative District Committee" means Virginia Taxpayers Party District Committee for each State Senatorial District and each House of Delegates as the context may require.
- 10. "County Committee" means County Chairmen of the Virginia Taxpayers Party for each county.
- 11. "City Committee" means City Chairmen of the Virginia Taxpayers Party for each city.
- 12. "Unit" means County or City.
- 13. "Unit Committee" means County Committee or City Committee.
- 14. "Taxpayers Party Voting Strength" means a uniform ratio of the votes cast in a political subdivision for the VTP candidates for Governor and President to the total votes cast in the entire Election District for the VTP candidates for Governor and President in the last preceding Gubernatorial or Presidential elections.
- 15. "Quadrennial State Convention" means the State Convention held in Presidential election years for the purposes of nominating electors-at-large to the Electoral College and electing delegates-at-large and alternates-at-large to the Quadrennial U.S. Taxpayers Party Convention.
- 16. "Quadrennial District Convention" means the District Convention held in Presidential election years for the purposes of nominating an elector to the Electoral College and electing Delegates and Alternates to the Quadrennial U.S. Taxpayers Party Convention.
- 17. "Biennial District Convention" means the District Convention held in Congressional election years and is the same as the Quadrennial District Convention in Presidential election years.
- 18. "Official Committees" are the State Central Committee, each District Committee, and each Legislative District Committee, and each Unit committee.
- 19. "Chairman", "Chairmen", "he", and "his" shall not be construed to denote gender.
- 20. "Ex-Officio" means the person holding the office and shall not be construed to mean with or without vote.
- 21. "Mass Meeting" is as defined in the then current edition of Robert Rules of Order subject to the provisions of the State Party Plan.
- 22. "Party Canvass" is a method of electing chairmen and members of Official Committees, delegates to Conventions, or Party nominees which shall include prefiling candacies, then secret balloting by Party members at convenient polling places and hours after proper notice.

- 23. "Convention" is as defined in the then current edition of Robert's Rules of Order subject to provisions of the State Party Plan.
- 24. "Primary" is defined in and subject to the Election Laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Definitions not set forth above, to the extent found therein and where not otherwise inconsistent with ARTICLE VII, Section H and ARTICLE VIII, Section 1.3 of the State Party Plan, shall be those set forth in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

## ARTICLE III State Central Committee

#### SECTION A. Membership

The membership of the State Central Committee shall consist of the following:

- 1. State Chairman
- 2. Vice Chairman
- 3. Treasurer
- 4. Secretary
- 5. One (1) Congressional District Representative from each of the 11 Congressional Districts in the Commonwealth of Virginia
- 6. At least two (2) but no more than six (6) at large members.

#### SECTION B. Election and Term

- 1. The state Chairman shall be elected by the Quadrennial State Convention for a term of four (4) years or until his successor is elected.
- 2. The Vice Chairman shall serve at the pleasure of the Chairman and will serve concurrent terms or until his successor is appointed.
- 3. The Treasurer shall be elected by the Quadrennial State Convention for a term of four (4) years or until his successor is elected.
- 4. The Secretary shall be elected by the Quadrennial State Convention for a term of four (4) years or until his successor is elected.
- 5. Congressional District Representatives shall be elected by Quadrennial State Convention for a term of four (4) years or until his successor is elected.

6. At large members shall be appointed by the Chairman and serve at his pleasure.

#### SECTION C. Vacancies

- 1. A vacancy in the office of State Chairman shall be filled by the State Central Committee until the next regular State Convention, which shall then elect a State Chairman to fill the remaining unexpired term of the vacating State Chairman.
- 2. A vacancy in the office of Vice Chairman shall be filled by appointment by the Chairman and serve the unexpired term of the vacating Vice Chairman.
- 3. A vacancy in the office of Treasurer or Secretary shall be filled by appointment by the Chairman and serve the unexpired term of the vacating Treasurer or Secretary.
- 4. A vacancy in the office of Congressional District Representative shall be filled by appointment by the Chairman and serve the unexpired term of the vacating Congressional District Representative.
- 5. A vacancy in the office of At-Large-Members shall be filled by appointment by the Chairman and serve at his pleasure.

#### SECTION D. Duties

#### 1. State Central Committee

- a. The State Central Committee shall formulate and provide for the execution of such policies, plans, and measures as it may deem conductive to the best interest of the Party, and in conformity with the State Party Plan.
- b. It shall determine whether candidates for statewide public office shall be nominated by Convention or Primary.
- c. It shall call all regular and special State Conventions and make arrangements therefore, including the basis of representation, the time and place.
- d. It shall have general supervision of all statewide campaigns. Neither the State Party nor the State Central Committee, however, shall be responsible for the financing of, or any financial obligations resulting from, such campaign, except to the extent that any such obligations may be approved and assumed in writing, in advance, by the State Central Committee.
- e. It shall prescribe such additional duties of the State officers and shall appoint special State Central subcommittees as it deems appropriate.
- f. Whenever the State Central Committee shall determine that a District or a legislative District Chairman has failed to function as such, then the State Chairman shall

appoint a new Chairman to perform the duties provided in the State Party Plan until a successor is duly elected by the applicable Committee.

#### 2. State Chairman

- a. The State Chairman shall be Chairman of the Central Committee and Executive Committees.
- b. See ARTICLE III, Section E, Paragraph 1, Executive Committee.
- c. Shall call for State Conventions and shall preside until a temporary organization is effected.
- d. Shall act as necessary to promote the functions of the VTP.
- e. Shall appoint members of the VTP to represent the party on the National Committee of the U.S. Taxpayers Party.

#### 3. Vice Chairman

- a. The State Vice Chairman shall act as the State Chairman in his absence.
- b. The Vice Chairman shall also discharge other duties as may be assigned by the State Chairman.

#### 4. State Treasurer

a. The State Treasurer shall be custodian of Party Funds.

#### 5. State Secretary

- a. The State Secretary shall keep the minutes and records of State Central Committee meetings, which shall be the property of the committee, and shall mail a copy of the minutes of the preceding meeting, including attendance, to all members of the State Central Committee and all Unit Chairmen within fifteen (15) days of the meeting.
- b. He shall serve as secretary of State Conventions until a temporary organization is effected. He shall be the custodian of the record of the proceedings of each State Convention.
- c. He shall keep a roster of the names and addresses of all State Central Committee members and District, Legislative District, and Unit Chairmen and shall perform such other duties as the State Central Committee or Chairman prescribes.

#### 6. District Representatives

- a. Coordinate activities at the district level with the State Central Committee.
- b. Serve as representative of his Congressional District to the State Central Committee and as representative of the State Central Committee to his Congressional District.
- c. Perform such duties as decided by the State Central Committee to further the goals and principles of the VTP.

#### 7. At-Large Members

- a. Perform such duties as decided by the State Central Committee to further the goals and principles of the VTP.
- b. Act as representatives at-large of the State Central Committee.

#### SECTION E. Subcommittees

#### 1. Executive Committee

- a. There shall be an Executive Committee which consists of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary.
- b. Other members shall number at least one (1) but no more than five (5) and shall be appointed by the Chairman.
- c. The Executive Committee shall act in the name of the State Central Committee to conduct all business of the VTP when all the State Central Committee is not in session.
- d. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the Chairman or by two-thirds of the members of the Executive Committee with all members of the Executive Committee receiving seven (7) days notice of time and place of meeting.

#### 2. Other Committees and Subcommittees

Other committees and subcommittees shall be formed, as needed, and members appointed to serve on said committees and subcommittees by the State Central Committee.

#### ARTICLE IV

Congressional District, Legislative District, Unit and other Committees

#### SECTION A. Membership

1. Anyone eligible for membership in the VTP according to ARTICLE I of the Party Plan is

eligible for membership in Committees.

2. Formation of such Committees, and execution of duties of members, is left to the discretion of the Congressional District Representative, Legislative District or Unit Chairman so long as structure or actions do not conflict with the interests of the VTP as defined by the State Central Committee.

#### ARTICLE V Proxies

#### SECTION A. Proxies

A member of an Official Committee or the Executive Committee of the State Central Committee may be represented in meetings by a proxy, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. No individual shall cast more than one proxy vote.
- 2. The proxy holder shall be from the same election district as represented by the absent member, or the proxy holder must be an officer of the VTP: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer.
- 3. All proxies shall be in writing and shall be signed by the maker of the proxy and shall be substantially in the following form:

"Know All Men by These Presents, That I	. of
do hereby constitute and appoint	my true and lawful attorney, to vote
as my proxy (with full power of substitution) at a meeti	ng of the VTP, or
at any adjourned meeting thereof and for me and in n	
question that properly may come before such meeting	
personally present, hereby revoking all previous proxic	
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand an	d affixed my scal this
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WITNESS:	
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#### VI Quorum and Notice

#### SECTION A. Quorum

1. Quorum shall be defined as at least one third (1/3) of members of Committee, or unit must be present to conduct business.

#### SECTION B. Notice

- 1. Notice shall be given for full State Central Committee meetings of not less than Two (2) weeks.
- 2. Notice of Executive Committee meetings is enumerated in III, Section E, paragraph d.
- 3. Notice for any other meeting shall be determined by Chairman of said meeting or committee.

## ARTICLE VII Mass Meetings, Party Canvasses, Conventions, and Primaries

Rules governing Mass Meetings, Party Canvasses, Conventions, and Primaries shall not conflict with goals and principles of the VTP or its Plan of Organization, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Rules will be enumerated at such times as they become necessary, and they shall be adopted by majority vote by such unit calling Mass Meeting, Party Canvasses, Conventions, and Primaries.

## ARTICLE VIII Delegates

#### SECTION A. Delegates

- 1. The election of delegates will take place at the Congressional District Level, by either primary or convention whichever is decided by the Congressional District Representative.
- 2. Delegates may be appointed by the State Chairman in case of organizational necessity, absence of Congressional District Representative, or in the case of failure to elect a delegate by the local Congressional District VTP members.
- 3. Electors for Presidential Candidates shall consist of one (1) from each Congressional District plus two (2) at-large, each of whom shall be chosen by the State Chairman.

# ARTICLE IX Change in Boundaries, Initial Organization of VTP

In the event the boundaries or a unit are changed between the time of the last preceding Gubernatorial or Presidential elections and the time set for a State or District Convention or filing with the Commonwealth, the VTP shall consider Congressional District Representatives to hold office in prior district or unit until such time as new boundaries are established and identified.

Due to the necessities of organization, the Chairman shall have broad powers to appoint members to the State Central Committee and act in the interest of the VTP to comply with the laws of the United States and Commonwealth of Virginia. At such time as these broad powers are no longer needed, they may be rescinded by majority vote of the State Central Committee.

## ARTICLE X Tie Votes

Votes that end in equal numbers shall be decided by vote of the State Chairman or senior member of that unit.

#### ARTICLE XI Rulings and Appeals

1. Any official or Twenty (20) percent of members of an official committee may request in writing to the State Chairman a ruling or interpretation of the State Party Plan. The Chairman's ruling is final unless overturned on appeal by two-thirds (%) majority ruling of the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE XII Amendments

The State Party Plan may be amended by any State Convention by three-fourths (¾) roll call vote; or by the State Central Committee by three-fourths (¾) members present, but not less than a majority of the total members present, but not less than a majority of the total members, after notice of such intent and general text of such amendment has been included in the call of the meeting.



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#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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National Vice Chairman

Densie Horrest Missouri

Secretory JUE SANGER

Michigan Treasurer

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Pennsylvania

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Michigan In Memorium June 6, 1999

Mr. Howard Phillips Chairman Virginia Taxpayers Party 7150 Catharpin Road Gainesville, Virginia 20155

Dear Mr. Phillips:

This letter is to confirm to you that the Virginia Taxpayers Party is the recognized, official Virginia state affiliate of the U.S. Taxpayers Party.

The Virginia Taxpayers Party is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the U.S. Taxpayers Party in the State of Virginia, and is the only U.S. Taxpayers Party state affiliate in Virginia. Also, under U.S. Taxpayers Party bylaws, the Virginia Taxpayers Party selects the State of Virginia's seven representatives on the U.S. Taxpayers Party national committee, and has participated in all meetings of the U.S. Taxpayers Party National Committee since it was founded in 1992.

In short, the Virginia Taxpayers Party has been, since its inception, and continues to be, a valued state committee of the U.S. Taxpayers Party. Any inquiry in this regard may be referred to me for confirmation of this fact.

Sincerely yours,

illiam K. Shearer National Chairman

U.S. Taxpayers Party

July 27, 1999

Howard Phillips
Chairman, Virginia Taxpayers Party
7150 Catharpin Road
Gainesville, VA 20155

Dear Mr. Phillips:

In reference to your letter dated July 19, I am enclosing a copy of the 1996 presidential ballot for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Virginia Taxpayers Party was recognized as a qualified political party in the state during the 1996 campaign year. The nominated candidates for president and vice-president, Howard Phillips and Albion Knight, respectively, met all necessary requirements to be placed on the November ballot.

If there are any further questions or comments regarding this issue, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Hugh Key

**Deputy Secretary** 

HK/jmb Enclosure

#### SAMPLE BALLOT

#### **GENERAL ELECTION**

Tuesday, November 5, 1996

#### President and Vice President

(Vote for not more than one)

**VIRGINIA REFORM PARTY** Electors for H. Ross Perot, President Pat Choate, Vice President
E. Alfred Picardi
William D. D. McKenzie
Samuel J. Scott, Sr.
Carolyn A. Taylor
Sue Harris DeBauche
Parker J. Williams Rocky L. Wilkinson
C. Ralph Copeland, Jr.
Arlene W. Smith
Doris H. Selfe
Thomas C. Haman
Thomas M. Overocker J. Steven Hales William R. Huff **DEMOCRATIC PARTY** Electors for Bill Clinton, President Al Gore, Vice President Aubrey C. Sullivan
Judith L. Rosenblan
Michael C. Melvin
Leo F. "Buddy" Sharpe, Jr.
Carl U. Eggleston
Nanalou W. Sauder
Stanley R. Woodfin
George C. Rawlings, Jr.
John S. DiYorio
Airleen E. Gray Airleen E. Gray Sidney B. Savage Charlene N. Bickford Joan Wood Somervill **REPUBLICAN PARTY** Electors for **Bob Dole, President** Jack Kemp, Vice President K Kemp, Vice President
Robert R. Fountain
Gary Clarence Byler
Mary A. "Polly" Braswell
Patricia Strawn Bice
Michael W. D. "Mike" Brown
Hugh D. Key
Mark D. Franko
Frank O. Meeks
Ruth Atleen Hancock
Vincent A. DiBenedetto III
Elaine Nunez McConnell
Anne R. Keast Anne R. Keast Marilyn L. Lussen VIRGINIA TAXPAYERS PARTY Electors for Howard Phillips, President Albion W. Knight, Jr., Vice President ion W. Knight, Jr., Vic Noble C. Brann Kenneth W. Lancaster William E. Potter Herbert W. Titus John T. Wingfield Lloyd T. Sprinkle Collis Grant Fincham, Sr. Martin P. Claussen Henry E. Johnson Douglas Winston Phillips William E. Nowers Josenh D. Douglass. Jr. Joseph D. Douglass, Jr. Scott Thomas Whiteman **NATURAL LAW PARTY** Electors for John Hagelin, President Mike Tompkins, Vice President Martin W. Bartelt
Chilton Wayne Mahin
Kathleen A. Wurdeman
Jeanette F. Snead
M. Lawrence Allison, Jr.
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Liza Todd Field
Mary L. Jamison Williams

Mary A. "Polly" Braswell Patricia Strawn Bice Michael W. D. "Mike" Brown Hugh D. Key Mark D. Franko Frank O. Meeks Ruth Alleen Hancock Vincent A. DiBenedetto III Elaine, Nunez McConnell Anne R. Keast Marilyn L. Lussen

#### VIRGINIA TAXPAYERS PARTY

Electors for
Howard Phillips, President
Albion W. Knight, Jr., Vice President
Noble C. Brann

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